## House Resolution No. 3331

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations which are dedicated to enhancing quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the support and planning of cultural and educational events; and

**Whereas**, on Friday, May 27, 2005, the Shakespeare Festival of Saint Louis will open its Fifth Season with the production of <u>The Tempest</u>; and

Whereas, the Shakespeare Festival of Saint Louis brings the community together for free professional Shakespeare theater in Forest Park with productions which run from Memorial Day weekend through Father's Day; and

Whereas, during the past four years, the Shakespeare Festival of Saint Louis has attracted more than 154,000 viewers, including visitors from thirty-six states and sixteen countries; and

Whereas, the Shakespeare Festival of Saint Louis also engages in educational programs throughout the year which have reached more than fifty thousand children in school and community venues; and

**Whereas**, after its opening on Friday, May 27, 2005, <u>The Tempest</u> will be performed every night except Tuesdays until June 19, 2005, on the east side of Art Hill in Forest Park between the Saint Louis Art Museum and the Saint Louis Zoo; and

Whereas, the Shakespeare Festival of Saint Louis also provides a nightly pre-performance Green Show that includes dancers and musicians, educational lectures by area scholars, and a mini-play for children; and

Whereas, the mission of the Shakespeare Festival of Saint Louis is "to produce professional Shakespeare theater, outdoors in a city park, free and for a diverse audience, and to provide education through schools and community outreach":

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar cultural accomplishments garnered during the past five years by the Shakespeare Festival of Saint Louis and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for a highly successful opening of <u>The Tempest</u> on Friday, May 27, 2005; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Fifth Annual Shakespeare Festival in Forest Park in Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Representative Rachel Storch

District No. 64

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3331, adopted May 13, 2005.